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E/RES/1978/36

Second regular session, 1978

Agenda item 35. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.33)]

1978/36. Increase in the membership of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly, at its thirty-third session, the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, which provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, as well as its resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 and 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, which provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee,

"Bearing in mind the interest in the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the range of refugee problems confronting the Office,

"Noting that the Executive Committee has at present a membership of thirty-one States Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies,

"1. Decides to increase the membership of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme by up to nine additional members;

"2. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session, 1979, to elect, in consultation with regional groups, up to nine additional members of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme from those States with a demonstrated interest in, and devotion to, the solution of the refugee problem".

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E/RES/1978/37

Second regular session, 1978

Agenda item 25. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/119)]

1978/37. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term rehabilitation and development programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region and implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the region

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/180 of 21 December 1976, 32/159 of 19 December 1977 and 32/170 of 19 December 1977 and Council resolutions 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975 and 2103 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Noting with satisfaction the decisive role played by the United Nations Sahelian Office, on the one hand in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the priority medium-term and long-term rehabilitation and development programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, and on the other hand in mobilizing the necessary resources to finance priority projects,

Considering part B of decision 6/11 adopted on 24 May 1978 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme 1/ and decision 25/10 adopted on 27 June 1978 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme 2/ concerning the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

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1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25), annex I.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53), chap. XX.G.

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, 3/ and the note by the United Nations Development Programme on the designation of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the mechanism to co-ordinate United Nations efforts to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region, 4/

I

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term rehabilitation and development programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General 5/ on the efforts made to implement the medium-term and long-term rehabilitation and development programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. Expresses its profound gratitude to the Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme drawn up by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

3. Urges all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to the requests made by the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries and by the Permanent Inter-State Committee;

4. Reaffirms the role of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the focal point and main body for co-ordinating United Nations efforts to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in carrying out their rehabilitation and development programme, as well as relations with other participating institutions or organizations, such as the Club of Sahel;

5. Requests the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee and its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination between United Nations programmes and bodies, with a view to the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of the rehabilitation and development programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

3/ DP/326 and Corr.1.

4/ DP/L.323.

5/ DP/326 and Corr.1

II

Designation of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the mechanism to co-ordinate United Nations efforts to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

1. Takes note with satisfaction of and endorses part B of decision 6/11 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme of 24 May 1978 and decision 25/10 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme of 27 June 1978 to designate the United Nations Sahelian Office, in addition to its present responsibilities, as the United Nations mechanism to assist, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region south of the Sahara and north of the Equator, in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly that it enlarge the organization and functions of the United Nations Sahelian Office, as well as the organization and functions of its regional office at Ouagadougou, to cover the additional responsibilities mentioned in paragraph 1 of this section, this enterprise to be carried out as a joint venture by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. Invites the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system concerned to co-operate fully with the United Nations Sahelian Office to ensure the full efficiency of the enlarged Office in assisting the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

4. Recommends to the General Assembly that it review annually a report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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E/RES/1978/38

Second regular session, 1978

Agenda item 28. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/117 (part I))]

1978/38. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council, 2/ and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1977/78 3/ concerning the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 32/36 of 28 November 1977 and Council resolution 2101 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements,

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1/ A/33/109.

2/ E/1978/104.

3/ E/1978/43, para. 10.

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from colonial rule and in their efforts to consolidate their national independence,

Noting with concern that, although progress has been maintained in the extension of assistance to refugees from Zimbabwe and Namibia, the action taken hitherto by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of those territories through their national liberation movements is still far from adequate to meet the urgent and growing needs of the peoples concerned,

Noting the closer contacts established and the consultations held between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements of Zimbabwe and Namibia in the formulation of assistance programmes,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe and Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, increased assistance to the peoples of those territories and their national liberation movements in their struggle for liberation;

5. *Urges further* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

6. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance to the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal domination of the territories by those régimes;

7. Notes with satisfaction the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow this example and make the necessary arrangements without delay;

8. Recommends that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies and, in that connexion, should accord priority to the question of providing assistance on an emergency basis to peoples in the colonial territories and to their national liberation movements;

9. Urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, having regard to the recommendations contained in paragraph 4 above, to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of assistance to the peoples in the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

10. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session, 1978, of the Council;

11. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on this matter with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

12. Decides to keep this question under continuous review.

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E/RES/1978/39

Second regular session 1978
Agenda item 6. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees humanitarian assistance programmes in the Horn of Africa

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.45)]

1978/39. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees humanitarian assistance programmes in the Horn of Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the statement made to the Council by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on 21 July 1978 concerning his humanitarian assistance programmes in the Horn of Africa, 1/

Taking note of the appeal, launched by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in his telegram dated 10 April 1978, for urgent assistance to refugees and displaced persons in the Horn of Africa,

Noting with appreciation the assistance so far provided for the refugees and displaced persons in the area,

Realizing that the assistance so far received falls far short of the needs and requirements of the countries in the region,

Recognizing the plight of the refugees and displaced persons and the formidable burden imposed on the limited resources of the Governments of the countries in the region,

1. Requests all States to respond generously and expeditiously to the appeal of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to enable him to mobilize the maximum international support in order to alleviate the sufferings of the refugees and displaced persons in the region;

2. Further requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, to render the maximum possible assistance to the Governments of the countries in the region;

1/ See E/1978/SR.32.

3. Invites the High Commissioner to continue to intensify humanitarian assistance to the refugees and displaced persons in the region;

4. Requests the High Commissioner to include in his annual report to the Council at its second regular session, 1979, information regarding the steps he has taken to implement the present resolution.

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E/RES/1978/40

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 24. International Year of the Child, 1979

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/121)]

1978/40. International Year of the Child, 1979

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the progress report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on the International Year of the Child, 1979, 1/

Convinced of the need for increased attention to be paid by all States to the welfare, protection and education of children in a spirit of solidarity, equality and respect among all nations,

Noting with satisfaction that to date the Governments of 141 countries have indicated their intention to respond to General Assembly resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, proclaiming 1979 as the International Year of the Child and that 91 of these countries have already established National Commissions for the Year;

Noting with appreciation the equally positive response from the organizations of the United Nations system and the no less positive response from non-governmental organizations,

Bearing in mind Council resolution 1978/18 of 5 May 1978 concerning the question of a convention on the rights of the child,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly which laid the foundations for a new international economic order, as well as other pertinent resolutions and decisions of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the message sent by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to the General Assembly at its tenth special session devoted to disarmament, which appeals to Governments to ensure that an adequate portion of any savings that may result from a reduction in expenditures on armaments is channelled through national or multinational programmes towards meeting the minimum requirements of children everywhere, 2/

1/ E/1978/101.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 14 (E/1978/54), paras. 6, 12 and 13.

Commending the work of the Inter-Agency Advisory Group for the International Year of the Child and the creation of a single Non-Governmental Organizations Committee for the Year, which Committee is a member of the Advisory Group,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Children's Fund for the manner in which it has carried out the responsibility of "lead agency" entrusted to it by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/169;

2. Reaffirms that the International Year of the Child is intended to be a Year for action at the national level, supported, where called for, by activities and consultations at the regional and international levels;

3. Expresses the strong hope that each country will take this occasion to review the situation of its children in depth, to elaborate plans, including the setting of realistic goals, for the initiation, extension or improvement of services meeting the particular needs of its children, and to put those plans into operation in the course of 1979;

4. Urges, in addition, the Governments of Member States to increase their assistance to programmes benefiting children in the developing countries, with a view to helping the Governments of those countries to ensure that all children will be provided with at least the most essential services by the end of the century;

5. Urges the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations agencies concerned to give appropriate attention during the International Year of the Child, in their programmes to assist children, to those children who find themselves in special circumstances that might not be adequately covered in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, in particular children living under colonial rule, apartheid and foreign occupation, and requests such agencies to consult with their respective recognized representatives and other interested governmental and non-governmental bodies, so as to identify the particular problems and needs of those children and give them the necessary assistance and care;

6. Commends those Governments which have made voluntary contributions towards the cost of the secretariat of the International Year of the Child and urges Governments which have not yet taken such action to do so.

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E/RES/1978/41

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 29. Disaster relief co-ordination

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/120)]

1978/41. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/173 of 21 December 1976 and 32/56 of 8 December 1977 and Council resolution 2102 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Mindful of the need to ensure a sound and enduring financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in order to facilitate the activities of the core programme and the recruitment and retention of qualified staff,

Aware of the importance of promoting disaster preparedness and prevention in disaster-prone developing countries through technical co-operation,

Reaffirming the co-ordinating role of the Office as the focal point for disaster relief matters in the United Nations system,

Noting with satisfaction that the Co-ordinator has concluded co-operation agreements with a number of international organizations,

Recalling the concern already expressed in the General Assembly and the Council that Governments and others involved in relief operations should implement measures for removing obstacles and expediting international relief assistance to the victims of disasters,

Noting with satisfaction the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator 1/ and the oral statements made by the Co-ordinator to the Council at its second regular session, 1978, 2/

1/ A/33/82.

2/ See E/1978/C.3/SR.6.

1. Commends the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for his continued efforts on behalf of the victims of disasters;

2. Recognizes the need for the effective promotion of technical co-operation for disaster preparedness and prevention in developing countries through the United Nations system, and in accordance with the national priorities of the countries concerned, making use of United Nations Development Programme country programming and, when appropriate, with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator as an executing agency;

3. Invites Governments to ensure for the immediate future the continuation of technical co-operation activities in the field of disaster preparedness and prevention by contributing either to the sub-account for technical assistance created by General Assembly resolution 3440 (XXX) or, through the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator or bilaterally, to projects developed by disaster-prone developing countries individually or in conjunction with that Office;

4. Requests the Co-ordinator to continue his efforts to conclude co-operation agreements with other appropriate organizations;

5. Calls again upon Governments, intergovernmental agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with relief operations to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative or operational measures to remove obstacles and expedite international relief assistance to the victims of disasters;

6. Transmits the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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E/RES/1978/42

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 22. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/122)]

1978/42. Consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2111 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 on consumer protection,

Aware of the need for the protection of individual consumers throughout the world, but noting the wide disparities in the scope and degree of consumer protection in different countries and the lack of essential legal and administrative measures in many countries for providing such protection,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Consumer protection: a survey of institutional arrangements and legal measures"; 1/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, within existing resources, in the light of information already provided and of additional information, and bearing in mind the discussion during the second regular session, 1978, of the Council, a comprehensive report incorporating options for action on consumer protection and taking into account in particular the specific problems and priorities of developing countries and the possible means for technical co-operation and assistance in this field, and to submit that report to the Council at its second regular session, 1979.

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1/ E/1978/81.

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E/RES/1978/43

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 22. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/122)]

1978/43. Application of computer science and technology to development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid the foundations for the establishment of a New International Economic Order, and recalling in this context General Assembly resolution 31/184 of 19 December 1976, in which the Assembly decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development during 1979,

Considering that the applications of computer science and technology have been considered by the General Assembly 1/ and the Council 2/ continuously since 1968,

Noting that the Council in its resolution 1903 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 requested the Secretary-General to propose activities and studies concerning the application of computer science and technology for the benefit of the developing countries, and to accompany the proposals with a list and order of priority of such activities and studies and ways and means of carrying them out, and that this request resulted in the submission of the report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer science and technology to development, 3/ which contains proposals for agreed implementation by all the organizations concerned in the United Nations system with the assistance of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics,

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1/ See General Assembly resolutions 2450 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2458 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 2804 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971.

2/ See Economic and Social Council resolutions 1571 (L) of 14 May 1971, 1566 (L) of 3 May 1971, 1824 (LV) of 10 August 1973, 1903 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and 2036 (LXI) of 4 August 1976.

3/ E/C.8/37.

1. Reaffirms the considerable importance of making better use of information, computers and communications for achieving the economic and social objectives of Member States, particularly of developing countries, and the need to encourage the formulation of policies and programmes in this field at the national, regional and international levels;

2. Notes with interest that an Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Information (SPIN), sponsored jointly by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, will take place from 28 August to 6 September 1978 at Torremolinos, Malaga, Spain;

3. Invites the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, to report to the Council at its resumed second regular session, 1978, on the results of that Conference.

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Agenda item 22. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1973/122)]

1978/44. World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development has been convened by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for eight working days, beginning on 12 July 1979, 1/

Conscious of the distressing economic and social conditions prevailing in the rural areas of many developing countries, where a large proportion of the population lives in extreme poverty,

Recalling Council resolutions 1967 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 on rural development and 1978/34 of 5 May 1978 on women in development and international conferences,

Aware that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development complements the world conferences on other important issues relating to development and economic co-operation that have been organized in recent years by the United Nations system, and that it has an important bearing on the socio-economic development of the developing countries and on the establishment of the New International Economic Order,

1. Endorses the view expressed by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development should result in well-defined and action-oriented programmes which would enhance agrarian reform and investment in the rural areas, increase production and raise the economic and social standards of the rural population;

1/ See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Report of the Conference of FAO, Nineteenth Session, Rome, 12 November - 1 December 1977 (C 77/REP), para. 278, resolution 13/77.

2. Takes note with appreciation of the close co-operation established for the preparation of the World Conference between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations and the other interested organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. Affirms that the inter-agency approach to poverty-oriented rural development should result in an important system-wide input for the World Conference;

4. Welcomes the action taken by a great number of States to contribute to the World Conference by presenting country review papers analysing their experience and outlining their future programmes in this field;

5. Urges all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the World Conference, to arrange representation at a high level, taking into account the multi-disciplinary character of the subject matter, and to consider the inclusion in their national delegations of representative bodies, for example farmers', rural workers' and related organizations.

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E/RES/1978/45

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 22. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/122)]

1978/45. World Climate Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that climatic factors have a direct bearing on many national programmes and activities in the economic and social fields,

Considering further that recent events, both in developing and developed countries, have shown the increasing vulnerability of national economies to climate and to climate variability,

Noting that the World Meteorological Organization is preparing a plan for a World Climate Programme which will be submitted to the Eighth World Meteorological Congress in 1979 for adoption, 1/

Noting further that the plan will provide for a new and comprehensive approach to the study of climate in all its aspects and will have particular reference to the impact of climate on human activities,

Aware that the co-operation of other appropriate organizations and programmes within the United Nations system has been sought and is being given in the preparation of the plan,

1. Commends the World Meteorological Organization for its initiative in deciding to prepare a plan for a new World Climate Programme;

2. Endorses this decision fully;

3. Requests the World Meteorological Organization to give particular attention to those aspects of the World Climate Programme which will give prompt and effective assistance to national planners and decison-makers in formulating economic and social programmes and activities in their respective countries;

1/ See World Meteorological Organization, Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization, 1977 (WMO - No.502), pp.28 and 29.

4. Invites all other appropriate organizations and programmes within the United Nations system to continue to co-operate as fully as possible with the World Meteorological Organization in the preparation of the plan for the World Climate Programme and in its subsequent implementation;

5. Requests the World Meteorological Organization to report to the Council at its second regular session, 1979, on the details of the approved Programme and other developments in this connexion.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/46

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 5. Assistance to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.34)]

1978/46 Assistance to Zambia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling previous resolutions adopted by the Security Council concerning the question of assistance to Zambia, in particular resolution 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolutions 2012 (LXI) of 3 August 1976 and 2093 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977,

Recognizing that the Government of Zambia has incurred both direct costs and the costs of contingency measures as a result of its decision to apply sanctions against the illegal racist régime in Southern Rhodesia, as well as losses due to the diversion of limited financial and human resources from the country's normal development,

Recognizing f rther that the influx of refugees has imposed an additional burden on the economy of Zambia,

Expressing appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures taken to organize a programme of international assistance to Zambia,

Expressing appreciation also to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for mobilizing an assistance programme on behalf of the refugees in Zambia,

Noting with satisfaction the assistance provided so far to Zambia by various States and by various regional and international organizations,

Expressing deep concern, however, that the total assistance received to date to meet the economic sacrifices made by Zambia in the enforcement of sanctions still falls far short of requirements to cope with the situation,

Taking note of the urgent economic needs of Zambia as identified in the report of the review mission contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zambia, 1/

1. Endorses the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zambia;

2. Commends the Government of Zambia for its decision to implement United Nations mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, in spite of the substantial economic sacrifices entailed;

3. Strongly endorses the appeals of the Security Council to the international community to provide financial, technical and material assistance to Zambia;

4. Calls upon all States and all regional and intergovernmental organizations concerned to provide Zambia with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Zambia to bear the cost arising from the implementation of sanctions and to carry out its normal development programme;

5. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his humanitarian assistance programmes on behalf of refugees in Zambia and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out these programmes;

6. Requests the United Nations and all its organizations and specialized agencies to make every effort to assist Zambia;

7. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To mobilize financial, technical and economic assistance from the international community in order to meet the short-term and long-term needs of Zambia until the situation in relation to the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia is resolved satisfactorily;

(b) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the mobilization of resources and the co-ordination of the programme of assistance to Zambia;

(c) To keep the situation under constant review, to hold consultations, as appropriate, with representatives of Governments of all interested Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, inter-regional and international financial institutions, and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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2 August 1978

1/ E/1978/114.

UNITED NATIONS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/47

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 5. Assistance to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.37)]

1978/47. Assistance to Lesotho

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Security Council resolution 402 (1976) of 22 December 1976 concerning the serious situation created by South Africa's closure of certain border posts between South Africa and Lesotho aimed at coercing Lesotho into according recognition to the bantustan Transkei,

Further recalling the condemnation by the Security Council of any action by South Africa to coerce Lesotho into according recognition to the bantustan Transkei,

Commending the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei bantustan, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 31/6A of 26 October 1976,

Recognizing that the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei has imposed a special economic burden upon Lesotho,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 407 (1977) of 25 May 1977, which fully endorsed the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the mission dispatched to Lesotho under Security Council resolution 402 (1976), transmitted by a note of the Secretary-General of 30 March 1977, 1/

Noting General Assembly resolution 32/98 of 13 December 1977, which endorsed the assessment and recommendations contained in the note of the Secretary-General of 30 March 1977, and in that of 9 November, 1977, 2/

Having examined the report of the mission to Lesotho sent by the Secretary-General in March 1978 in response to an urgent request from the Government of that country after the imposition of new restrictions on the travel of citizens of Lesotho to South Africa, transmitted in a report of the Secretary-General of 5 June 1978, 3/

1/ S/12315.

2/ A/32/323 - S/12438.

3/ A/33/112

Having examined also the report of the second review mission to Lesotho sent by the Secretary-General in June 1978 to carry out a review of the economic situation in compliance with General Assembly resolution 32/90, transmitted in a report of the Secretary-General of 14 July 1978, 4/

1. Expresses concern at the imposition of new restrictions on the travel of citizens of Lesotho to South Africa, which have added to the difficulties faced by Lesotho as a result of its decision not to recognize the so-called independent Transkei;

2. Expresses also its full support for Lesotho in meeting those difficulties;

3. Concurs fully in the assessment and recommendations for dealing with the situation, as described in the reports of the Secretary-General of 5 June and 14 July 1978;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to mobilize the resources necessary to deal with the urgent economic problems confronting the Government of Lesotho;

5. Notes with appreciation the response made so far by the international community to the special economic assistance programme for Lesotho, which has enabled it to proceed with the implementation of parts of the recommended programme;

6. Calls upon all States, regional and inter-regional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies to continue to respond to the appeals of the Security Council, the General Assembly, and the Secretary-General to provide assistance on a generous scale to Lesotho;

7. Requests the appropriate bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to increase their programmes of assistance to Lesotho in order to enable it to carry out its planned development projects without interruption, and requests them to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

8. Further requests the appropriate bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the action they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Lesotho;

4/ A/33/112/Add.1.

9. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Lesotho;

(b) To keep the situation in Lesotho under constant review, to maintain close contact with all States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions, and to report on the question to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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2 August 1978

UNITED NATIONS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/48

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 5. Assistance to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.47)]

1978/48. Assistance to Botswana

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 403 (1977) of 14 January 1977 and 406 (1977) of 25 May 1977 concerning the complaint by the Government of Botswana of acts of aggression committed against its territory by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia;

Recalling also Security Council resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966 and 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, which determined and reaffirmed, respectively, that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security,

Deeply concerned at the loss of human life and damage to property caused by the continued aggression against Botswana by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Recognizing the urgent need for Botswana to strengthen its security in order to safeguard its sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence,

Noting with appreciation Botswana's action in according asylum to political refugees fleeing from Southern Rhodesia,

Fully cognizant of the plight of the refugees and the additional burden imposed upon Botswana by their influx in increasing numbers,

Recognizing the special economic hardships suffered by Botswana as a result of having to divert funds from current and planned development projects to unplanned and unbudgeted security arrangements, arising directly from the country's urgent need to defend itself effectively against attacks and threats by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Noting General Assembly resolution 32/97 of 13 December 1977, which endorsed the assessment and recommendations contained in the notes by the Secretary-General dated 28 March 1977 1/ and 26 October 1977, 2/

Noting General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 concerning the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Having examined the latest report on the situation in Botswana contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Botswana 3/ submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 32/97,

Noting with appreciation the assistance so far provided to Botswana by the international community,

1. Fully endorses the revised programme of assistance contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Botswana; 4/

2. Draws particularly the attention of States and international and intergovernmental organizations to the projects in the field of transport and communications recommended for urgent implementation in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Strongly supports the appeals of the Security Council, the General Assembly, and the Secretary-General to all States and international and intergovernmental organizations to continue to provide assistance to Botswana for the implementation of the remaining projects referred to in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his action in mobilizing the resources necessary to enable Botswana to carry out its planned development;

5. Requests the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to increase their programmes of assistance to Botswana to enable it to carry out its planned development projects without interruption, and requests them to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

1/ Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977, document S/12307.

2/ A/32/207-S/12421.

3/ A/33/166.

4/ Ibid.

6. Further requests the appropriate bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the action they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Botswana;

7. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen further his humanitarian assistance programmes on behalf of refugees in Botswana and urges the international community to provide him without delay with the necessary means to carry out these programmes;

8. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Botswana;

(b) To keep the situation in Botswana under constant review, to maintain close contact with States, international and regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the appropriate specialized agencies and international financial institutions, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/49

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 7. Assistance in emergency situations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.38)]

1978/49. Assistance to the Comoros

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/42 of 1 December 1976, which urgently appealed to Member States and to agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to assist the Government of the Comoros in an effective and continuous manner,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/92 of 13 December 1977, which endorsed the assessment and recommendations of the United Nations Mission to the Comoros 1/ and requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to the Comoros,

Noting that the Comoros has been included in the list of the least developed countries,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Comoros, 2/ which contains, inter alia, a statement on the progress made in the implementation of the special economic assistance programme recommended by the United Nations Mission to the Comoros,

1. Notes with satisfaction the assistance so far contributed or pledged to the Comoros by States, regional and intergovernmental organizations and the organizations in the United Nations system;

1/ A/32/208 and Add.1 and 2.

2/ A/33/170.

2. Expresses deep concern that the total assistance provided falls short of the needs of the Comoros;

3. Appeals to the international community to respond generously and to continue to assist the Comoros in carrying out its short-term and long-term development programmes;

4. Requests the United Nations and all organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to make every effort to assist the Comoros in its development efforts, and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in his efforts to organize a programme of assistance for the Comoros;

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to the Comoros;

(b) To keep the situation in the Comoros under constant review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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UNITED NATIONS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/50

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 7. Assistance in emergency situations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.39)]

1978/50. Assistance to Sao Tome and Principe

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/96 of 13 December 1977, arising from the Assembly's concern about the serious economic and social situation in Sao Tome and Principe as a result of the country's total lack of infrastructure for development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976, in which the Assembly urged all Governments to support specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Recalling further that in its resolution 32/96 the General Assembly noted that its previous resolution on assistance to Sao Tome and Principe (resolution 31/187 of 21 December 1976) had not elicited the desired response,

Recalling also the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session, which concludes that, in view of special circumstances, Sao Tome and Principe, among other countries, "should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade", 1/

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Sao Tome and Principe, 2/ transmitting the report of the mission which he sent to Sao Tome and Principe, as requested by General Assembly resolution 32/96,

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46), para. 99.

2/ A/33/120.

1. Endorses fully the assessment and recommendations, including the programme of development recommended for assistance, contained in the report of the mission to Sao Tome and Principe;

2. Invites the attention of all States and international institutions, and of the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation included in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

3. Calls upon all States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond to the appeal of the General Assembly and to provide assistance to Sao Tome and Principe on a generous scale to enable it to meet its short-term and long-term needs;

4. Requests the appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization, to provide effective and continuous assistance to Sao Tome and Principe and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

5. Further requests the appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Sao Tome and Principe;

6. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Sao Tome and Principe;

(b) To keep the situation in Sao Tome and Principe under constant review, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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UNITED NATIONS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/51

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 7. Assistance in emergency situations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.40)]

1978/51. Assistance to Cape Verde

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/99 of 13 December 1977, in which the Assembly noted with concern the grave economic situation existing in Cape Verde as a result of nine successive years of drought, of the total lack of development infrastructure and of the grave effects of the international economic situation on the entire economy of the country, and in which the Assembly also expressed its appreciation for the assistance already provided to Cape Verde but noted that the international response had nevertheless fallen short of the requirements of the situation,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976, in which the Assembly urged all Governments to lend their support to specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 concerning the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Recalling further that Cape Verde is a member of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and is included in the list of the least developed countries,

1. Expresses deep concern that the total assistance provided falls short of the needs of Cape Verde;

2. Calls upon all States, regional and inter-regional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond to the appeal of the General Assembly and to provide assistance to Cape Verde on a generous scale to enable it to expand and strengthen its economic and social base and to initiate an accelerated development programme;

3. Requests the appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to provide effective and continuous assistance to Cape Verde and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

4. Further requests the appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Cape Verde;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Cape Verde.

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UNITED NATIONS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/52

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 7. Assistance in emergency situations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.41)]

1978/52. Assistance to Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3339 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, inviting Member States to provide economic assistance to the then newly independent State of Guinea-Bissau,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, in which the Assembly urged organizations within the United Nations system to extend assistance to the newly independent and emerging States,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/100 of 13 December 1977 concerning the serious economic situation prevailing in Guinea-Bissau as a result of more than eleven years of a war of national liberation, the return of large numbers of refugees and the total lack of infrastructure for development,

Recalling also the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session, which concludes that, in view of special circumstances, Guinea-Bissau, among other countries, "should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade", 1/

1. Invites the attention of all States and international institutions, and of the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46), para. 99.

2. Calls upon all States, regional and inter-regional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond to the appeal of the General Assembly and to provide assistance to Guinea-Bissau on a generous scale to enable it to meet its short-term and long-term development needs;

3. Requests the appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Guinea-Bissau and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

4. Further requests the appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Guinea-Bissau;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Guinea-Bissau.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/53

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 7. Assistance in emergency situations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.42)]

1978/53. Assistance to Djibouti

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/93 of 13 December 1977, in which the Assembly expressed its deep concern at the situation prevailing in Djibouti and strongly appealed to Member States and to international institutions concerned to give effective and sustained assistance to Djibouti to enable it to deal with the critical situation arising from the drought and its economic difficulties,

Aware that the Government of Djibouti faces complex problems as a newly independent country with a need to improve and enlarge its economic and social infrastructure,

Recalling also the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session, which concludes that, in view of special circumstances, Djibouti, among other countries, "should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade", 1/

Noting that the situation in Djibouti has been adversely affected by recent events in the area and the influx of refugees,

1. Strongly endorses the appeal of the General Assembly to provide assistance to Djibouti;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Djibouti;

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46), para. 99.

3. Invites the attention of all States and international institutions, and of the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

4. Calls upon all States and all regional and intergovernmental organizations concerned to provide Djibouti with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Djibouti to cope with its special economic hardships;

5. Requests the appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to provide effective and continuous assistance to Djibouti and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

6. Further requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue and increase his humanitarian assistance for refugees in Djibouti and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out these programmes;

7. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize financial, technical and material assistance for Djibouti;

(b) To keep the situation in Djibouti under constant review, and in this connexion to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/54

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 7. Assistance in emergency situations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.43)]

1978/54. Assistance to Seychelles

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/101 of 13 December 1977 concerning assistance to Seychelles, in which the Assembly appealed to Member States and international institutions to provide technical and financial assistance to Seychelles to enable it to establish the social and economic infrastructure essential for the well-being of its people,

Commending the Government of Seychelles for its determination to provide a stable, growing and diversified economy in which the benefits of economic growth would be widely distributed,

Concerned at the difficult task facing the Government of Seychelles, which, upon the attainment of independence in June 1976 found its economy heavily dependent upon a single industry and its budget heavily dependent on grants-in-aid from the former colonial Power,

Recalling also the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session, which concludes that, in view of special circumstances, Seychelles, among other countries, "should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade", 1/

1. Endorses the appeal of the General Assembly to provide assistance to Seychelles;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Seychelles;

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46), para. 99.

3. Invites the attention of all States and international institutions, and of the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

4. Calls upon all States and all regional and intergovernmental organizations concerned to provide Seychelles with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Seychelles to cope with its special economic hardships;

5. Requests the appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to provide effective and continuous assistance to Seychelles and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

6. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for a programme of financial and technical assistance to Seychelles;

(b) To keep the situation under constant review, and in this connexion to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/55

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 8. Assistance to South African student refugees

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.44)]

1978/55. Assistance to South African student refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/126 of 16 December 1976, which requested the Secretary-General to organize and provide emergency assistance for the care, subsistence and education of South African student refugees,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 417 (1977) of 31 December 1977, which, inter alia, requested the international community to contribute generously towards educational assistance to South African student refugees,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/119 of 16 December 1977, which requested the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen their efforts for the mobilization of emergency financial and other appropriate forms of assistance for South African student refugees,

Noting with deep concern that the Government of South Africa continues to take repressive measures against students in that country, thus causing many South African students to seek refuge in neighbouring countries, particularly Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia,

Recognizing that the needs of these South African student refugees continue to impose serious pressures on the facilities made available to them by the host countries, and in particular on the educational systems of those countries,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to South African student refugees, 1/ containing the findings of the review missions sent by the Secretary-General to the host countries and submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/119,

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1/ A/33/163 and Corr. 1.

1. Endorses the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to South African student refugees;

2. Notes with appreciation the generous response of the Governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia in continuing to provide asylum and to make educational and other facilities available to the student refugees;

3. Endorses the measures taken by the Secretary-General and by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as co-ordinator of assistance to South African student refugees within the United Nations system, to mobilize a programme of assistance for South African student refugees in the countries of asylum;

4. Notes with satisfaction the contributions so far made by States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies for South African student refugees;

5. Expresses concern at the continuing and increasing needs of these refugees, including in particular the need for additional educational assistance and opportunities;

6. Urges all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies to contribute generously towards the assistance programmes for these refugees, both through financial support and through the provision of further possibilities for their care and maintenance, and for their educational and vocational training;

7. Requests all agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, including, in particular, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa, and the World Food Programme, to continue to assist the High Commissioner in carrying out the humanitarian task entrusted to him;

8. Requests the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue all efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of educational and other essential assistance for South African student refugees in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia;

9. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to keep the matter under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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E/RES/1978/56

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 23. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/123)]

1978/56. United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 26 May 1978, 1/

Noting with satisfaction that many developing countries, in conformity with their own aspirations and their desire to contribute actively to the success of the International Year of the Child, 1979, are preparing enlarged programmes for meeting the needs of their children, in certain instances envisaging country-wide coverage and providing at least some elements of basic services for children during the 1980s or by the end of the present century,

Bearing in mind that, to reach these short-term and longer-range goals, a significant increase in external assistance from the international community will be required, in keeping with the targets for external assistance called for in General Assembly resolution 32/181 of 19 December 1977 and established in pursuance of the objectives of the New International Economic Order,

Considering further that the United Nations Children's Fund, on the assumption that its levels of revenue are rising, would make a very significant contribution towards meeting the important objectives which will be established by developing countries as a result of the International Year of the Child, 1979,

Noting with approval the activities of the Fund as reflected in the report of the Executive Board, especially the programmes assisted by the Fund and its initiation of steps towards medium-term planning, as well as the positive response of the Fund to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular its efforts to improve the co-ordination and the coherence of the United Nations development system with regard to programmes benefiting children,

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 14 (E/1978/54).

1. Endorses the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the conclusions contained therein;

2. Endorses, in particular, the target of $240 million in annual revenue for the Fund in 1980, as approved by the Executive Board, and appeals to all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions to the Fund so that it may reach that target, bearing in mind the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 32/110 of 15 December 1977;

3. Reaffirms the policies of the United Nations Children's Fund and expresses its appreciation of the initiatives taken by it in furtherance of the objectives of the New International Economic Order.

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E/RES/1978/57

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 23. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (E/1978/123)]

1978/57. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3504 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which the Assembly decided to establish a special fund for the land-locked developing countries to compensate for their additional transit and transport costs,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which the Assembly approved the Statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries and requested the Secretary-General to convene a pledging conference for the Fund,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/113 of 15 December 1977, by which the Assembly inter alia expressed its concern at the fact that the Fund had not yet become operational as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 31/177,

Aware of the special problems and particular needs of the land-locked developing countries, as recognized by the international community,

Reaffirming that, owing to the disadvantaged situation of the land-locked developing countries, their development efforts are affected by particular problems, especially with regard to additional transit, transport and transshipment costs,

1. Takes note of decision 25/15 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-fifth session; 1/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make a fresh appeal to all countries, in particular the developed countries, to make generous contributions to the Fund and to become members of its Board of Governors, so as to enable the Fund to become operational as soon as possible.

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53), chap. XX.K.

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E/RES/1978/58

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 11. Development and international economic co-operation

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/135)]

1978/58. Report of the Committee for Development Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 31/187 and 31/188 of 21 December 1976, and 32/93, 32/94, 32/100 and 32/101 of 13 December 1977, in which, taking into account the special difficulties and upheavals experienced by Sao Tome and Principe, Angola, Djibouti, Tonga, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles, the Assembly inter alia requested the Committee for Development Planning to consider the inclusion of those countries in the list of the least developed countries,

Having examined the relevant conclusions reached by the Committee for Development Planning as contained in chapter IV of the report on its fourteenth session, 1/

Noting the Committee's conclusion that, on the basis used in the 1975 general review, the six above-mentioned countries did not satisfy the existing criteria for inclusion in the list of the least developed countries applying during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Having regard to the Committee's opinion that the special difficulties and upheavals faced by those countries require special measures of assistance in their favour,

Urges all States to take the view of the Committee for Development Planning into account in formulating their assistance programmes and policies, as regards both terms and volume, towards Sao Tome and Principe, Angola, Djibouti, Tonga, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles.

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No.6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).

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E/RES/1978/59

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 11. Development and international economic co-operation

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/135)]

1978/59. United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Noting with satisfaction the initiative of the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa to establish an integrated African road network and the rationalization of Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, intra-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa, as well as the work carried out since June 1977,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

"Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, which inter alia proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988 and requested the Secretary-General to mobilize all necessary resources to make the Decade a success,

"Taking note of resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa adopted at the eighteenth meeting of the Committee, held at Khartoum, in the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, in May 1978, 1/ in which measures were proposed for the implementation of the global strategy and comprehensive programme of work for the Decade,

"Noting with appreciation the work carried out so far by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity in preparation for the Decade,

"1. Endorses resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa, which decided to convene early in 1979 a meeting of African Ministers concerned with matters relating to transport, communications, works and planning, in order to adopt Africa's global strategy and a comprehensive plan of action for the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, as the 'lead agency' for the Decade, with the necessary financial and staff resources that will enable it to make all preparatory arrangements for the Decade, including the preparations for, and the convening of, the meeting of Ministers referred to in paragraph 1 above;

"3. Requests further the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements, as appropriate, for the convening of a pledging conference of donor countries and institutions in the first half of 1979 on the basis of the global strategy and the comprehensive plan of action and of specific projects contained therein;

"4. Urges the international community, in particular the developed countries, to give full support and to contribute substantially to the implementation of the programmes and projects for the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa".

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No.10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1), chap.II.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/60

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 11. Development and international economic co-operation

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/135)]

1978/60. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the suggestions made in the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, 1/

Noting with appreciation the initiatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization 2/ and of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific through its resolution 181 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978, 3/ in the field of the strengthening the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;

1/ E/1978/76.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/33/16), chap. XV and annex I.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 8 (E/1978/48), chap. IV.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/179 of 19 December 1977, taking into account the comments and suggestions made by delegations during the second regular session, 1978, of the Council;

3. Invites the regional commissions and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General regularly in his continuing study on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic and social development of developing countries;

4. Further invites the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive progress report on the subject to the Council at its second regular session, 1979.

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E/RES/1978/61

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 20. Natural resources

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/127)]

1978/61. United Nations conference on new and renewable sources of energy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and also Assembly resolutions 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Aware of the importance of increasing the industrial capacity of the developing countries,

Cognizant of the importance of ensuring the availability of new and renewable sources of energy in order to meet requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries,

Bearing in mind the need to identify concrete measures for the transfer and development of the relevant technology to developing countries and for financing arrangements in new and renewable sources of energy through the United Nations system, directed towards the special needs of developing countries,

Recalling further Council resolution 2119 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the feasibility of holding an international conference on new and renewable resources of energy; 1/

1/ E/1978/68.

2. Stresses the importance of international action in the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy, including the holding of an international conference on the subject, and especially international co-operation in favour of the developing countries;

3. Recommends that the General Assembly at its thirty-third session give favourable consideration to, and take definitive action on, convening at the earliest possible time a United Nations conference on new and renewable sources of energy, and in that context define the objectives, scope, nature and timing of such a conference, as well as the required preparatory arrangements, including intergovernmental machinery.

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E/RES/1978/62

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 14. International co-operation on the environment

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/126)]

1978/62. International co-operation on the environment

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its sixth session, 1/

Having also considered the study of the group of specialists in the international financing of projects and programmes of additional measures and means of financing for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, 2/ together with paragraphs 306 to 311 of the report of the Governing Council, which reflect the differing views expressed in the Governing Council on this matter, and the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a special account for financing the implementation of the World Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, 3/

1. Notes the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its sixth session, welcomes the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and welcomes also in particular the decisions, contained in annex I thereto, relating to the establishment of a system-wide medium-term environment programme based on thematic joint programming, to the emphasis to be given to project and programme evaluation, to the preparatory process for the consideration by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of matters relating to the environment, to the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and to the reporting thereon by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Governing Council;

1/ UNEP/GC.6/19. For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25).

2/ Transmitted in a note by the Executive Director of the Programme (UNEP/GC.6/9/Add.1).

3/ A/33/117.

2. Invites all Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, bearing in mind decision 6/13 of the Governing Council of 24 May 1978, so as to meet the approved target;

3. Decides to transmit the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to the General Assembly, taking into account the views expressed thereon at the second regular session, 1978, of the Economic and Social Council;

4. Invites the General Assembly to approve the report of the Governing Council and the recommendations, as adopted, contained therein.

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E/RES/1978/63

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 5. Assistance to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[without reference to a sessional committee (E/1978/L.35)]

1978/63. Assistance to Mozambique

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the decision of the Government of Mozambique to implement mandatory sanctions against the illegal régime of Southern Rhodesia in accordance with Security Council resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968,

Noting with concern the substantial economic sacrifices made by Mozambique as a consequence of its decision to enforce sanctions and to close its borders with Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling Security Council resolution 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976, in which that Council appealed to all States to provide immediate financial, technical and material assistance to Mozambique and requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to enable Mozambique to carry out its economic development programme normally and to enhance its capacity to implement fully the United Nations mandatory sanctions,

Recalling further its own resolutions, particularly Economic and Social Council resolution 2094 (LXIII) of 2 August 1977, and General Assembly resolutions, particularly resolution 32/95 of 13 December 1977, endorsing the appeal of the Security Council,

Recognizing the plight of the refugees and the added burden that their continuing influx imposes upon Mozambique,

Having examined the report of the mission to Mozambique, contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General of 12 July 1978, 1/ describing the present situation in Mozambique and the status of urgent projects identified in previous reports,

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1/ A/33/173.

Noting that the Committee for Development Planning has recommended that the present list of the least developed countries should stand until the end of the Second United Nations Development Decade,2/

1. Expresses appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures he has already taken to mobilize assistance for Mozambique;

2. Endorses fully the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General of 12 July 1978;

3. Notes with satisfaction the assistance provided so far to Mozambique by various States and by various regional and international organizations;

4. Expresses deep concern that the total assistance provided to date, as indicated in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General, falls short of Mozambique's needs;

5. Draws the attention of the international community to the additional financial, economic and material assistance urgently required by Mozambique;

6. Strongly endorses the appeals of the Security Council to the international community to provide financial, technical and material assistance to Mozambique;

7. Urges all States and all regional and intergovernmental organizations concerned to provide Mozambique with appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants;

8. Invites all States to consider granting to Mozambique, for the remainder of the Second United Nations Development Decade, in view of its difficult economic situation, the same treatment as is enjoyed by the least developed among the developing countries;

9. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to grant special additional assistance to Mozambique in carrying out its planned development projects without interruption, and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing a programme of assistance;

10. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen his programmes of assistance for refugees in Mozambique and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out these programmes;

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46), para. 99.

11. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To mobilize financial, technical and material assistance for Mozambique;

(b) To keep the situation under constant review, to hold consultations in this connexion, as appropriate, with representatives of Governments of all interested States, and with regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, inter-regional and international financial institutions and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/64

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 13. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/132)]

1978/64 . Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, which contain the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and which lay stress on the fact that the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States 1/ is an effective instrument for creating a new system of international economic relations based on equity, sovereign equality, mutual interest and the co-operation of developing and developed countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, by which the Assembly decided to entrust the Economic and Social Council with the task of reviewing the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and bearing in mind article 34 of that Charter, according to which the General Assembly undertakes its systematic and comprehensive consideration,

Convinced of the need for the Council to promote concerted international measures for the accelerated economic and social progress of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Taking into account the work being undertaken towards the elaboration of the third international development strategy within the context of the implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Noting with regret the slow pace of the progress made in the search for solutions to the issues concerning the establishment of the New International Economic Order and in particular the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

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1/ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974.

1. Expresses concern at the slow progress made in the establishment of the New International Economic Order on the basis laid down by relevant General Assembly resolutions and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;

2. Urges all countries, in particular the developed countries, to intensify their efforts, through dialogues and negotiations in the various forums of the United Nations system, in order to bring about speedy results in the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;

3. Urges also the Secretary-General to renew and intensify efforts in order to mobilize public opinion, with a view to obtaining a full understanding of the objectives and benefits of the New International Economic Order, and of the relevance for international co-operation of ensuring full respect for and application of the provisions of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;

4. Takes note with interest of the statements on the subject made by representatives of States at its second regular session, 1978, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a progress report on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States.

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E/RES/1978/65

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 15. Industrial development co-operation

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/128)]

1978/65. Industrial development co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid the foundations for the establishment of a new international economic order,

Recalling also the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation adopted by the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 1/

Conscious of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as the central co-ordinating organ within the United Nations system for the promotion of industrial development co-operation, in the promotion of the fulfilment of the measures and the attainment of the targets contained in the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action,

Concerned for the accelerated implementation of the measures proposed for the achievement of industrial development co-operation within the United Nations system,

Having considered the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its twelfth session, 2/

Taking note of the statement made in this connexion by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at the second regular session, 1978, of the Council, 3/

1/ Held at Lima, Peru, from 12 to 26 March 1975. For the text, see UNIDO publication No. PI/38.

2/ ID/B/212. For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/33/16).

3/ See E/1978/C.1/SR.10.

1. Urges appropriate action by all countries, in particular the developed countries, to bring the United Nations Industrial Development Fund to the desirable funding level in voluntary contributions of $50 million;

2. Requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to intensify its activities in the system of consultations with the participation of developed and developing countries at all appropriate levels, bearing in mind paragraph 3 of section IV of General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII), with a view to the promotion of investments in developing countries and the development of new industrial capacities therein and in order that practical steps may be taken with a sense of urgency in this area of industrial co-operation, and to pursue actively, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 47 (XI) of the Industrial Development Board, 4/ measures for the development and strengthening of the industrial technological capabilities of developing countries through, inter alia, the transfer and acquisition of technology and access to information on industrial technology, as appropriate;

3. Further requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to adopt measures to strengthen the effectiveness of the Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers programme, and for this purpose, in co-operation inter alia with the United Nations Development Programme, to commission an independent and comprehensive appraisal, with a view to presenting various options, including the possibility of an increase in the number of Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers, for the effective provision of advice in the industrial sector to developing countries at their request, and to make recommendations thereon to the Industrial Development Board at its thirteenth session;

4. Emphasizes the need in the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for an adequate, substantial and continuous review and appraisal of progress in specific areas of industrial development co-operation, taking into account, in particular, constraints impeding the attainment of the targets contained in the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation;

5. Stresses the need for urgent action to reinforce the central role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in promoting and co-ordinating the activities in the field of industrialization within the United Nations system and to make it a more effective institution for that purpose.

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4/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No.16 (A/33/16), annex I.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/66

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 19. Human settlements

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/131)]

1978/66. International co-operation in human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements, and resolution 32/173 of the same date on the resources of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, which requests the Secretary-General to convene a pledging conference for the Foundation, and inter alia appeals to all States to contribute generously at that conference,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its first session 1/ and the report of the Secretary-General on specific measures to meet the need for a decent living environment for the most vulnerable groups of society, 2/

1. Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its first session and of the report of the Secretary-General on specific measures to meet the need for a decent living environment for the most vulnerable groups of society;

2. Welcomes the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/33/8).

2/ E/1978/91 and Add.1.

3. Welcomes the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its sixth session 3/ regarding the establishment of close links and co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in accordance with their respective mandates and urges the Centre to establish appropriate links with organs and organizations of the United Nations system concerned, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/162;

4. Urges the Executive Director of the Centre to proceed expeditiously with the the necessary action to integrate the functions and activities previously undertaken by the Secretariat units referred to in section III, paragraph 3, of General Assembly resolution 32/162, with a view to ensuring the optimum utilization of resources, without jeopardizing on-going projects;

5. Requests the Commission on Human Settlements at its second session to examine, on the basis of the integrated programme of work of the Centre, the total resources available to the Centre in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate as set out in General Assembly resolution 32/162, and to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session, 1979;

6. Recommends that the General Assembly at its thirty-third session examine the resources available to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, as now incorporated in the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), in the light of the outcome of the pledging conference to be held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/173, and on the basis of proposals to be submitted by the Executive Director of the Centre;

7. Urges all States, particularly the developed countries, to increase their voluntary contributions for human settlements activities, especially for those activities directed towards fulfilling the objectives of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, as now incorporated in the Centre, with a view to achieving the $50 million target for the years 1978-1981;

8. Decides to transmit to the General Assembly, for consideration at its thirty-third session, the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its first session.

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3/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25), annex I.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

E/RES/1978/67

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 12. Regional co-operation and development

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/129)]

1978/67. Activities of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in the Pacific area

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that, after a thorough discussion at the thirty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific of a report on increased participation in its activities by the developing island countries of the Pacific, the Commission unanimously adopted, at its 532nd meeting on 17 March 1978, resolution 138 (XXXIV), which, inter alia, requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to consider urgently the appointment of a suitably qualified senior officer in the Pacific area in order to improve working linkages and maintain effective liaison between the Commission and the countries of that area and to assist the Executive Secretary in the programming and implementation of activities relevant to the needs of the area, 1/

Decides that the implementation of resolution 138 (XXXIV) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific constitutes an urgent need and that its provisions were of an unforeseeable nature at the time of the adoption of the 1978-1979 programme budget, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate provision therefor in his supplementary budget estimates for 1978-1979, for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee in the course of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly.

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 8 (E/1978/48), chap.IV.A.

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E/RES/1978/68

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 12. Regional co-operation and development

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/129)]

1978/68. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa covering the period 4 March 1977 to 3 March 1978 1/ and the addendum thereto covering the period 4 March to 4 May 1978, 2/

Noting that Djibouti has become a Member of the United Nations since the Economic Commission for Africa last submitted its annual report to the Council,

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa;

2. Decides, in accordance with the recommendation made by the Commission in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its annual report:

(a) To add Djibouti to the list of member countries contained in paragraph 5 of the terms of reference of the Commission; 3/

(b) To delete in paragraph 5 of the terms of reference the passage reading "provided that States which shall cease to have any territorial responsibilities in Africa shall cease to be members of the Commission";

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 10 (E/1978/50) and E/1978/50/Add.2.

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1).

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5783), annex III.

(c) To amend paragraph 5 of the terms of reference accordingly to read:

"Membership of the Commission shall be open to: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Empire, Chad, Comoros, the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, */ the Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Cameroon, the United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Zaire, Zambia, and any State in the area which may hereafter become a Member of the United Nations."

"*/ The Council decided, by resolution 974 D IV (XXXVI) of 30 July 1963, that the Republic of South Africa should not take part in the work of the Commission until the Council, on the recommendation of the Commission, should find that conditions for constructive co-operation had been restored by a change in its racial policy."

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E/RES/1978/69

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 17. Food problems

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/130)]

1978/69. Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid the foundations for the establishment of a new international economic order,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/52 of 8 December 1977, in which the Assembly decided to review, at its thirty-third session, the implementation of the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council,1/

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fourth ministerial session, held at Mexico City from 12 to 15 June 1978,2/

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the World Food Council on its fourth ministerial session and expresses its appreciation to the Government and people of Mexico for acting as host to the World Food Council at that session and for ensuring its outstanding success;

2. Transmits the report of the World Food Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, and draws the attention of the Committee of the Whole established under General Assembly resolution 32/174 of 19 December 1977 to that report;

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/32/19), part one, para. 1.

2/ Ibid., Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/33/19).

3. Endorses the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council,3/ which contains that Council's review and recommendations concerning the world food situation and the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council;

4. Emphasizes and endorses fully the important recommendations and decisions of the World Food Council concerning the necessary action and modalities for:

(a) Increasing food production in the developing countries, including new arrangements for the responsibilities previously performed by the Consultative Group on Food Production and Investment in Developing Countries;

(b) Improving human nutrition;

(c) Providing assistance to the countries of the Sahelian zone of Africa;

(d) Improving world food security;

(e) Increasing and improving food aid;

(f) Making the international emergency reserve of 500,000 tons of grains a continuing reserve and improving its effectiveness and ready availability;

(g) Improving the contribution of trade to the solution of food problems;

5. Calls upon the World Food Council to give consideration at its fifth ministerial session to the effective contribution of food trade to the solution of world food problems, particularly in the developing countries, and to put forward specific recommendations thereon;

6. Strongly urges all Governments, specialized agencies, organs and other bodies within and outside the United Nations system dealing with food, agriculture and human nutrition, to take urgent steps to further and to implement fully the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition, as contained in the Manila Communiqué and elaborated in the Mexico Declaration;

7. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council.

3/ Ibid., para. 1.

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E/RES/1978/70

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 21. Science and technology

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/134)]

1978/70. Science and technology

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, also General Assembly resolutions 32/115 and 32/184 of 15 and 19 December 1977, respectively,

Recalling also Council resolutions 2028 (LXI) and 2035 (LXI) of 4 August 1976, which concern in particular the preparatory arrangements for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and Council resolution 2123 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 referring to the co-ordination of the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

Bearing in mind the need for greater co-ordination among the specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system concerned, with a view to determining the necessary operational and institutional links between science, technology and development, within the context of the New International Economic Order,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development; 1/

2. Urges all specialized agencies and other bodies concerned in the United Nations system, and also organizations outside the system, to ensure that the documents required for the future sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and for the Conference itself contain clear and specific recommendations, and that their efforts are effectively co-ordinated, in order to make the best use of available resources towards attaining the goals of the Conference;

1/ E/1978/82.

3. Requests the Preparatory Committee at its third session to give careful consideration to the substantive issues, and particularly to the draft programme of action which will be dealt with by the Conference, bearing in mind the principles of the New International Economic Order;

4. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development:

(a) To complete work as soon as possible on the documentation requested in resolution 4 (II) adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its second session; 2/

(b) To transmit the documentation to the national focal points for consideration by Governments, in order to facilitate preparations for the third session of the Preparatory Committee;

(c) To convey the draft outline of the programme of action to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session for consideration, together with the Secretary-General's progress report, under item 70 of the Assembly's provisional agenda for that session;

5. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to arrange consultations with the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee and interested delegations during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, in accordance with Council resolution 2123 (LXIII), in order to maintain the momentum of the preparatory process and to take steps to ensure the participation of the specialized agencies and organizations concerned.

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2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No.43 (A/33/43), annex I.

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E/RES/1978/71

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Agenda item 18. Transnational corporations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/133)]

1978/71. Transnational corporations, code of conduct and the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its fourth session, 1/

Recalling the establishment, by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its second session, of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct, 2/

Recalling also Council resolution 2041 (LXI) of 5 August 1976, which established the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, and resolution 2122 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, by which the Council continued the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group,

Noting the progress made so far by the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, also the pending issues defined by that Working Group and the views expressed thereon in the Council.

1. Reaffirms that the formulation of a code of conduct by the Commission on Transnational Corporations should be given the highest priority and that the conclusion of an international agreement on illicit payments should in no way interfere with or delay that priority;

2. Urges all States to expedite the conclusion of the code of conduct;

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12 (E/1978/52 and Corr.1 and 2).

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5782), para. 51.

3. Endorses the conclusion of the Commission on Transnational Corporations that the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct should hold three sessions of two weeks each before the fifth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, in order to enable it to make expeditious progress towards the fulfilment of its mandate and requests the Commission to report to the Council at its second regular session, 1979, on the progress made, in order to enable the Council to decide on the programme for completing work on the code of conduct at the earliest possible time;

4. Takes note of the reports of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices on its fourth, fifth and resumed fifth sessions; 3/

5. Decides to establish a committee open to all interested States, to meet for two sessions of two weeks each, if necessary, for the purpose of advancing as far as possible the work on an international agreement on illicit payments, particularly in respect of the articles not yet discussed, and to report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its fifth session and to the Council at its second regular session, 1979, on the progress of its work;

6. Decides also that the Committee referred to in paragraph 5 above shall meet only if a quorum of four States from each interested geographical group is represented;

7. Decides further, in principle, to convene, if possible in 1980 and subject to a definitive decision by the Council at its second regular session, 1979, a conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude an international agreement on illicit payments, bearing in mind the progress of the work in the Committee mentioned in paragraph 5 above.

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3/ E/1978/39 and E/1978/115.

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E/RES/1978/72

Second regular session, 1978
Agenda item 18. Transnational corporations

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/133)]

1978/72. Transnational corporations and permanent sovereignty over natural and other resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Further recalling General Assembly resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources, particularly their provisions supporting resolutely the efforts of the developing countries and peoples subjected to foreign occupation or colonial and racial domination in their struggle for self-determination and for the regaining of effective control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities,

1. Reaffirms the right of all countries and peoples under foreign occupation and peoples subjected to colonial domination, neo-colonialism, apartheid, racism and racial discrimination to full permanent sovereignty over their natural resources and all other resources, wealth and economic activities;

2. Urges all transnational corporations and investment institutions not to recognize or co-operate with or assist in any manner in all measures undertaken by the occupying Power or the colonial, apartheid or racial régime to exploit the human, natural or other resources, wealth and economic activities of the above-mentioned countries and peoples.

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E/RES/1978/73

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/133)]

1978/73. Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also the resolution adopted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its third session on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area, 1/ 2/

Recalling further the Maputo Declaration in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia and Programme of Action for the Liberation of Zimbabwe and Namibia, 3/ the Lagos Declaration for Action against Apartheid, 4/ and General Assembly resolution S-9/2 of 3 May 1978,

Having considered the report of the Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa: impact on financial and social structures, 5/

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No.5 (E/5986), para.14.

2/ See also paras.46-57 of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its fourth session (Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No.12 (E/1978/52)).

3/ See Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1977, document S/12344/Rev.1, annex V.

4/ United Nations publication, Sales No.E.77.XIV.2, chap.X.

5/ United Nations publication, Sales No.E.78.II.A.6.

Gravely concerned at the continued collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa, in contravention of United Nations resolutions,

Considering that the cessation of the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa would constitute an important step in the struggle against the racist minority régimes,

Conscious of the continued need to enlist the active support of the home Governments of transnational corporations and to mobilize world public opinion against the involvement and collaboration of these corporations with the racist minority régimes, which impede the exercise of the inalienable right of the peoples of southern Africa to self-determination and their exercise of permanent sovereignty over their natural resources and economic activities,

Welcoming as a positive step measures taken by some home Governments to curtail the activities of their transnational and other corporations in southern Africa,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa: impact on financial and social structures;

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the indigenous peoples of southern Africa to permanent sovereignty over their natural resources and all economic activities;

3. Recognizes the urgent need to take further and effective measures, including sanctions, in order to terminate the continuing collaboration of transnational and other corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa;

4. Strongly condemns the continued investments and the exploitation of cheap black labour by transnational and other corporations which continue to collaborate with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa in contravention of United Nations resolutions, thereby contributing to the perpetuation of oppression and other inhuman practices perpetrated against the majority indigenous population by the racist minority régimes;

5. Urges all transnational corporations to comply strictly with the relevant United Nations resolutions by terminating all further investments in southern Africa and by ending their collaboration with the racist minority régimes;

6. Commends all anti-apartheid movements, churches, trade unions, universities and other organizations which have taken concrete steps, including

shareholder action, to discourage and oppose the collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa;

7. Calls upon all Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative, judicial and other measures in respect of their nationals and transnational corporations of their nationality owning or operating enterprises in southern Africa, in order to put an end to such activities;

8. Calls further upon all States to terminate all forms of collaboration by their nationals, transnational and other corporations of their nationality with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa, and, in particular:

(a) To refrain from supplying petroleum, petroleum products or other strategic materials to the racist minority régimes;

(b) To refrain from extending loans, investments and technical assistance to the racist minority régimes in southern Africa and to corporations registered in those territories;

(c) To prohibit economic and financial interests under their national jurisdiction from co-operating with the racist minority régimes and enterprises registered in southern Africa;

(d) To refrain from all activities which may directly or indirectly contribute to the strengthening of the military capability of the racist minority régimes;

(e) To deny tariff and other preferences to exports from the territories occupied by the racist minority régimes in southern Africa, and any inducements or guarantees for investment and trade in the area;

(f) To prohibit all persons and enterprises of their nationality from making any royalty or tax payments to, or from knowingly transferring any assets or other financial resources in contravention of United Nations resolutions to facilitate trade with or investments in, the territories occupied by the racist minority régimes;

9. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To instruct the Secretariat to continue its useful research on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in the area;

(b) To submit a report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution, including in the

report an in-depth study of the extent of the collaboration of the transnational corporations in the industrial, mining and military sectors;

(c) To include in the above-mentioned report as an annex a list of transnational corporations which recognize and negotiate with non-white and multiracial trade unions, as well as a list of those which do not recognize such trade unions;

(d) To continue to collect and publicize information on the activities of transnational corporations which collaborate directly or indirectly with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa in contravention of United Nations resolutions.

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E/RES/1978/74

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

[on the report of the First (Economic) Committee (E/1978/129)]

1978/74. Regional co-operation and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling Council resolution 2043 (LXI) of 5 August 1976 on the strengthening of the regional commissions for regional and interregional co-operation,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Convinced that the regional commissions are in a particularly advantageous position to promote subregional, regional and interregional co-operation in their respective regions,

Considering the need to achieve, in the economic and social programmes of the United Nations, complementarity and a better co-ordination of the tasks performed at United Nations Headquarters and those performed by the secretariats of the regional commissions, as outlined in General Assembly resolution 32/197,

Noting further that paragraph 23 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 states that, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region and taking into account the plans and priorities of the

Governments concerned, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should take measures to enable the regional commissions to function expeditiously as executing agencies for intersectoral, subregional, regional and interregional projects and, in areas which do not fall within the purview of the sectoral responsibilities of specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies, for other subregional, regional and interregional projects,

Recalling paragraph 26 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, which states that, in order to enable the regional commissions effectively to discharge their responsibilities, the necessary authority should be delegated to them and adequate budgetary and financial provision should be made,

Noting with satisfaction that the Secretary-General has organized consultations between the representatives of the regional commissions and departments concerned at United Nations Headquarters, and those of the United Nations Development Programme, to make practical and concrete arrangements such as those relating to the role of the regional commissions as executing agencies for projects,

Welcoming in particular the arrangement for 1 January 1979 to be the target date for the completion of the decentralization to regional commissions of the execution of the first set of appropriate subregional and regional projects at present being carried out by United Nations Headquarters, 1/

Recalling the responsibilities of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,

1. Reaffirms that the regional commissions should be further enabled to exercise in consultation with Governments concerned, the functions of executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 3505 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and 1952 (LIX) of 23 July 1975, while seeking to improve their performance in exercising those functions;

2. Requests the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions to submit, where necessary, and at the request of the countries concerned, to their respective commissions at their forthcoming sessions plans for an intensified programme for the promotion of subregional, regional and interregional co-operation

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1/ See para.9 of the report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commission (E/1978/89), and para.47 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197 (E/1978/118).

in their respective regions in accordance with their mandates and to pay particular attention to those activities which the Governments concerned have designated as priority areas;

5. Invites the regional commissions to intensify co-operation with other regional and subregional bodies in their respective regions;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to intensify consultations, as appropriate, in order to make further progress in achieving complementarity and a better co-ordination of the tasks performed at United Nations Headquarters and those performed by the secretariats of the regional commissions, in accordance with the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to make such arrangements as may be necessary to enable the regional commissions to promote more effective co-operation at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, in accordance with paragraphs 24 and 25 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

8. Requests the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions to ask their respective commissions to consider further the requirements described in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, with a view to rationalizing the structure of the commissions, including the streamlining of their subsidiary machinery;

9. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, to the Council at its second regular session, 1979, a report on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the above paragraphs.

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